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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

| Period.         | Employment—Tasmania (a).        |  |            |            | Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Building Permits, Hobart and Launceston (c). | Railways Gross Revenue. | Bank Clearings, Hobart and Launceston. (Weekly Averages). | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e). |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|------------|------------|--|--|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|                 | Estimated Total—All Employment. | Total—end of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). |            |            |  |  |                         |   |                                   |
|                 |                                 | Males.   | Females.   | Total.     |  |  |                         |   |                                   |
|                 |                                 |  |            |            | £'000.   | £  | £                       | £'000.  | £                                 |
|                 |                                 |  |            |            | (b)  | (b)  | (d)                     |   | (b)                               |
| 1938-39 .....   | ....                            | ....   | ....       | ....       | 725  | 48,320                                       | 37,456                  | 881   | 39,053                            |
| 1939-40 .....   | (f) 53,200                      | (f) 37,400   | (f) 11,600 | (f) 49,000 | 748  | 54,350                                       | 41,239                  | 986   | 40,225                            |
| 1940-41 .....   | ....                            | ....   | ....       | ....       | 840  | 41,350                                       | 46,162                  | 973   | 40,619                            |
| 1941-42 .....   | (g) 66,462                      | (g) 38,563   | (g) 14,799 | (g) 53,362 | 958  | 30,861                                       | 52,773                  | 1,099   | 46,231                            |
| 1942-43 .....   | (h) 64,747                      | (h) 37,487   | (h) 15,760 | (h) 53,247 | 1,034  | 6,590  | 64,820                  | 1,186   | 50,697                            |
| 1943-44 .....   | (i) 61,619                      | (i) 36,895   | (i) 16,194 | (i) 53,089 | 977  | 7,265  | 67,006                  | 1,367   | 55,350                            |
| 1944-45 .....   | ....                            | ....   | ....       | ....       | 960  | 12,252                                       | 69,236                  | 1,494   | 58,582                            |
| 1943-44—        |                                 | (j)  | (j)        | (j)        |  |  |                         |   |                                   |
| October .....   |                                 | 37,298   | 16,799     | 54,097     | 1,001  | 7,803  | 61,928                  | 1,348   | 58,250                            |
| November .....  |                                 | 37,695   | 17,160     | 54,855     | 900  | 26,958                                       | 60,927                  | 1,350   | 47,720                            |
| December .....  |                                 | 37,911   | 16,660     | 54,571     | 874  | 2,522  | 73,241                  | 1,143   | 57,393                            |
| January .....   |                                 | 37,784   | 16,619     | 54,403     | 810  | 3,296  | 66,119                  | 1,454   | 54,356                            |
| February .....  |                                 | 38,411   | 16,982     | 55,393     | 888  | 4,391  | 67,938                  | 1,220   | 56,018                            |
| March .....     |                                 | 38,625   | 17,139     | 55,764     | 847  | 2,963  | 70,843                  | 1,258   | 58,006                            |
| April .....     |                                 | 38,829   | 17,192     | 56,021     | 872  | 8,836  | 71,090                  | 1,518   | 49,502                            |
| May .....       |                                 | 38,787   | 16,970     | 55,757     | 1,098  | 8,329  | 68,464                  | 1,726   | 59,818                            |
| June .....      |                                 | 38,923   | 16,947     | 55,870     | 1,099  | 7,765  | 69,903                  | 1,500   | 54,248                            |
| 1944-45—        |                                 |  |            |            |  |  |                         |   |                                   |
| July .....      |                                 | 38,708   | 16,880     | 55,588     | 1,173  | 13,039                                       | 56,690                  | 1,604   | 56,292                            |
| August .....    |                                 | 39,093   | 17,046     | 56,139     | 1,028  | 11,697                                       | 64,464                  | 1,413   | 60,167                            |
| September ..... |                                 | 38,923   | 16,908     | 55,831     | 1,055  | 8,076  | 67,322                  | 1,472   | 56,673                            |
| October .....   |                                 | 38,484   | 16,639     | 55,123     | 842  | 17,101                                       | 66,587                  | 1,554   | 60,137                            |
| November .....  |                                 | 38,677   | 16,599     | 55,276     | 886  | 6,575  | 63,420                  | 1,297   | 54,569                            |
| December .....  |                                 | 39,112   | 16,698     | 55,810     | 845  | 12,171                                       | 78,148                  | 1,343   | 55,863                            |
| January .....   |                                 | 39,415   | 16,746     | 56,161     | 867  | 18,204                                       | 64,587                  | 1,569   | 63,412                            |
| February .....  |                                 | 39,912   | 16,796     | 56,708     | 810  | 11,446                                       | 74,090                  | 1,325   | 62,962                            |
| March .....     |                                 | 40,357   | 17,134     | 57,491     | 864  | 8,722  | 69,774                  | 1,471   | 56,311                            |
| April .....     |                                 | 40,313   | 17,236     | 57,549     | 827  | 16,260                                       | 75,660                  | 1,708   | 57,709                            |
| May .....       |                                 | 40,685   | 17,131     | 57,816     | 1,124  | 15,222                                       | 69,749                  | 1,508   | 60,490                            |
| June .....      |                                 | 40,555   | 17,163     | 57,718     | 1,113  | 8,516  | 75,310                  | 1,599   | 58,396                            |
| 1945-46—        |                                 |  |            |            |  |  |                         |   |                                   |
| July .....      |                                 | 40,675   | 17,111     | 57,786     | 915  | 21,482                                       | 62,839                  | 1,773   | 62,050                            |
| August .....    |                                 | 40,303   | 17,036     | 57,339     | 1,144  | 26,543                                       | 68,502                  | 1,435   | 61,459                            |
| September ..... |                                 | 40,305   | 16,729     | 57,034     | 875  | 42,229                                       | 69,819                  | 1,576   | 57,827                            |
| October .....   |                                 | 40,245   | 16,624     | 56,869     | 998  | 39,568                                       | 75,353                  | 1,723   | 60,697                            |
| November .....  |                                 | (k)  | (k)        | (k)        | 1,142  | 50,464                                       | 73,646                  | 1,692   | 54,822                            |

(a) Wage and salary earners in employment, excluding employees in the Defence Forces at home and abroad.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) Excludes Government buildings.

(d) Four-weekly averages.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) July, 1939, National Register.

(g) July, 1941.

(h) June, 1942.

(i) June, 1943, Civilian Register.

(j) Subject to revision.

(k) Not available.

# TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

| Month.          | Total Employment (a) (excluding Rural, Household Domestic, and Defence Forces). |                        |        | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|--------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                 | Governmental Authorities.   | Private Employers. (b) | Total. | Mining and Quarrying.                       | Factories. (c) | Allied Works Council Projects. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Service (d). |
| MALES.          |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1941—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 10,182  | 28,381                 | 38,563 | 2,902                                       | 12,284         | ....                           | 5,685                        | 3,042         | 2,900                       | 4,060                                  |
| November .....  | 10,459  | 28,895                 | 39,354 | 2,785                                       | 12,316         | ....                           | 6,048                        | 3,036         | 2,819                       | 4,076                                  |
| 1942—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 10,136  | 27,254                 | 37,390 | 2,570                                       | 12,876         | 1,019                          | 5,563                        | 2,451         | 2,469                       | 3,683                                  |
| 1943—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| June .....      | 10,300  | 26,581                 | 36,881 | 2,576                                       | 13,977         | 249                            | 5,870                        | 2,237         | 2,454                       | 3,540                                  |
| August .....    | 10,087  | 27,018                 | 37,105 | 2,547                                       | 13,730         | 171                            | 5,870                        | 2,310         | 2,351                       | 3,583                                  |
| December .....  | 9,615   | 28,296                 | 37,911 | 2,676                                       | 14,124         | 92                             | 5,767                        | 2,374         | 2,431                       | 3,654                                  |
| 1944—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 9,150   | 29,558                 | 38,708 | 2,681                                       | 14,279         | 79                             | 6,121                        | 2,394         | 2,436                       | 3,782                                  |
| August .....    | 9,498   | 29,595                 | 39,093 | 2,677                                       | 14,385         | 85                             | 6,151                        | 2,409         | 2,416                       | 3,876                                  |
| September ..... | 9,410   | 29,513                 | 38,923 | 2,649                                       | 14,190         | 70                             | 6,153                        | 2,454         | 2,396                       | 3,941                                  |
| 1945—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 10,722  | 29,953                 | 40,675 | 2,475                                       | 14,472         | 530                            | 6,750                        | 2,598         | 2,658                       | 4,055                                  |
| August .....    | 10,690  | 29,613                 | 40,303 | 2,454                                       | 13,994         | 527                            | 6,715                        | 2,648         | 2,679                       | 4,110                                  |
| September ..... | 10,858  | 29,447                 | 40,305 | 2,458                                       | 13,678         | 561                            | 6,674                        | 2,690         | 2,678                       | 4,198                                  |
| FEMALES.        |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1941—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 2,297   | 12,502                 | 14,799 | 12  | 3,957          | ....                           | 896                          | 3,271         | 1,027                       | 4,974                                  |
| November .....  | 2,346   | 12,368                 | 14,714 | 13  | 3,596          | ....                           | 895                          | 3,386         | 993                         | 5,018                                  |
| 1942—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 2,858   | 12,898                 | 15,756 | 29  | 4,351          | ....                           | 881                          | 3,416         | 1,233                       | 5,065                                  |
| 1943—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| June .....      | 3,237   | 12,984                 | 16,221 | 25  | 4,954          | ....                           | 988                          | 3,045         | 1,253                       | 5,046                                  |
| August .....    | 3,216   | 13,587                 | 16,803 | 34  | 4,907          | ....                           | 958                          | 3,229         | 1,292                       | 5,406                                  |
| December .....  | 3,675   | 12,985                 | 16,660 | 34  | 5,108          | ....                           | 1,002                        | 3,069         | 1,211                       | 5,287                                  |
| 1944—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 3,331   | 13,549                 | 16,880 | 36  | 4,960          | ....                           | 1,023                        | 3,066         | 1,178                       | 5,394                                  |
| August .....    | 3,375   | 13,671                 | 17,046 | 36  | 5,026          | ....                           | 1,033                        | 3,043         | 1,189                       | 5,484                                  |
| September ..... | 3,397   | 13,511                 | 16,908 | 37  | 4,785          | ....                           | 1,035                        | 3,095         | 1,183                       | 5,527                                  |
| 1945—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 3,517   | 13,594                 | 17,111 | 36  | 4,569          | ....                           | 1,059                        | 3,284         | 1,244                       | 5,625                                  |
| August .....    | 3,514   | 13,522                 | 17,036 | 36  | 4,383          | ....                           | 1,062                        | 3,286         | 1,260                       | 5,701                                  |
| September ..... | 3,453   | 13,276                 | 16,729 | 35  | 3,955          | ....                           | 1,055                        | 3,306         | 1,282                       | 5,773                                  |
| PERSONS.        |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1941—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 12,479  | 40,883                 | 53,362 | 2,914                                       | 16,241         | ....                           | 6,581                        | 6,313         | 3,927                       | 9,034                                  |
| November .....  | 12,805  | 41,263                 | 54,068 | 2,798                                       | 15,912         | ....                           | 6,943                        | 6,422         | 3,812                       | 9,094                                  |
| 1942—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 12,994  | 40,152                 | 53,146 | 2,599                                       | 17,227         | 1,019                          | 6,444                        | 5,867         | 3,702                       | 8,748                                  |
| 1943—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| June .....      | 13,537  | 39,565                 | 53,102 | 2,601                                       | 18,931         | 249                            | 6,858                        | 5,282         | 3,707                       | 8,586                                  |
| August .....    | 13,303  | 40,605                 | 53,908 | 2,581                                       | 18,637         | 171                            | 6,828                        | 5,539         | 3,643                       | 8,989                                  |
| December .....  | 13,290  | 41,281                 | 54,571 | 2,710                                       | 19,232         | 92                             | 6,769                        | 5,443         | 3,642                       | 8,941                                  |
| 1944—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 12,481  | 43,107                 | 55,588 | 2,717                                       | 19,239         | 79                             | 7,144                        | 5,460         | 3,614                       | 9,176                                  |
| August .....    | 12,873  | 43,266                 | 56,139 | 2,713                                       | 19,411         | 85                             | 7,184                        | 5,452         | 3,605                       | 9,360                                  |
| September ..... | 12,807  | 43,024                 | 55,831 | 2,686                                       | 18,975         | 70                             | 7,188                        | 5,549         | 3,579                       | 9,468                                  |
| 1945—           |   |                        |        |   |                |                                |                              |               |                             |  |
| July .....      | 14,239  | 43,547                 | 57,786 | 2,511                                       | 19,041         | 530                            | 7,809                        | 5,882         | 3,902                       | 9,680                                  |
| August .....    | 14,204  | 43,135                 | 57,339 | 2,490                                       | 18,377         | 527                            | 7,777                        | 5,934         | 3,939                       | 9,811                                  |
| September ..... | 14,311  | 42,723                 | 57,034 | 2,493                                       | 17,633         | 561                            | 7,729                        | 5,996         | 3,960                       | 9,971                                  |

(a) Based on Pay-roll tax returns and records of Government employment; excludes all employees in Defence Forces.

(b) The estimated numbers of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings.

(c) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).



# TASMANIAN IMPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

| Period.         | Food and Drink. | Tobacco.<br>(Inc. Cigars<br>& Cigarettes.) | Chemicals,<br>Drugs, and<br>Fertilizers. | Drapery,<br>Clothing, &<br>Textiles. | Metals, Metal<br>Manufactures<br>& Machinery. | Oils. | Ores. | Wool. | Total<br>Imports. |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| ANNUAL TOTALS.  |                 |  |  |                                      |   |       |       |       |                   |
| 1938-39 .....   | 2,266           | 479  | 419                                      | 1,793                                | 3,351   | 443   | 318   | 234   | 11,502            |
| 1939-40 .....   | 2,629           | 473  | 468                                      | 2,017                                | 3,273   | 576   | 334   | 308   | 12,484            |
| 1940-41 .....   | 3,038           | 472  | 487                                      | 1,806                                | 2,668   | 399   | 328   | 370   | 12,120            |
| 1941-42 .....   | 2,946           | 598  | 590                                      | 1,893                                | 3,061   | 548   | 413   | 686   | 13,192            |
| 1942-43 .....   | 3,031           | 859  | 615                                      | 1,887                                | 3,605   | 579   | 649   | 725   | 14,382            |
| 1943-44 .....   | 2,734           | 928  | 683                                      | 1,945                                | 3,789   | 565   | 689   | 687   | 14,391            |
| 1944-45 .....   | 2,731           | 962  | 776                                      | 2,215                                | 3,666   | 582   | 685   | 812   | 14,811            |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. |                 |  |  |                                      |   |       |       |       |                   |
| 1944-45—        |                 |  |  |                                      |   |       |       |       |                   |
| July .....      | 227             | 66   | 59                                       | 159                                  | 270   | 28    | 86    | 38    | 1,122             |
| August .....    | 152             | 81   | 69                                       | 165                                  | 309   | 49    | 30    | 30    | 1,031             |
| September ..... | 264             | 58   | 68                                       | 170                                  | 280   | 114   | 44    | 51    | 1,284             |
| October .....   | 275             | 99   | 90                                       | 205                                  | 429   | 13    | 44    | 45    | 1,410             |
| November .....  | 234             | 86   | 60                                       | 161                                  | 261   | 53    | 57    | 79    | 1,198             |
| December .....  | 195             | 95   | 55                                       | 168                                  | 320   | 53    | 1     | 33    | 1,117             |
| January .....   | 280             | 95   | 69                                       | 159                                  | 280   | 43    | 106   | 110   | 1,372             |
| February .....  | 239             | 78   | 42                                       | 197                                  | 275   | 28    | 75    | 180   | 1,267             |
| March .....     | 164             | 76   | 41                                       | 229                                  | 353   | 61    | 65    | 27    | 1,219             |
| April .....     | 349             | 74   | 70                                       | 208                                  | 297   | 23    | 55    | 66    | 1,401             |
| May .....       | 183             | 79   | 95                                       | 197                                  | 291   | 55    | 78    | 33    | 1,179             |
| June .....      | 169             | 75   | 58                                       | 197                                  | 301   | 62    | 44    | 120   | 1,211             |

# TASMANIAN EXPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

| Period.         | Fresh Fruit.<br>(All Kinds.) | Potatoes. | Other Food<br>and Drink. | Copper. | Zinc. | Other Metals<br>and Ores. | Timber. | Woollen<br>Manufactures. | Total<br>Exports. |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|-------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| ANNUAL TOTALS.  |                              |           |                          |         |       |                           |         |                          |                   |
| 1938-39 .....   | 1,529                        | 974       | 2,504                    | 568     | 1,368 | 763                       | 571     | 922                      | 12,233            |
| 1939-40 .....   | 1,135                        | 779       | 2,631                    | 708     | 1,428 | 1,130                     | 619     | 1,337                    | 12,903            |
| 1940-41 .....   | 481                          | 581       | 2,855                    | 737     | 1,433 | 1,071                     | 779     | 2,163                    | 13,586            |
| 1941-42 .....   | 704                          | 812       | 3,106                    | 893     | 1,553 | 1,182                     | 781     | 2,729                    | 16,156            |
| 1942-43 .....   | 522                          | 956       | 3,065                    | 1,109   | 1,421 | 1,276                     | 836     | 2,391                    | 16,225            |
| 1943-44 .....   | 646                          | 1,631     | 4,199                    | 823     | 1,607 | 1,041                     | 812     | 2,628                    | 18,793            |
| 1944-45 .....   | 663                          | 1,834     | 5,345                    | 713     | 1,897 | 1,269                     | 621     | 2,887                    | 20,885            |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. |                              |           |                          |         |       |                           |         |                          |                   |
| 1944-45—        |                              |           |                          |         |       |                           |         |                          |                   |
| July .....      | 72                           | 155       | 421                      | 47      | 112   | 70                        | 57      | 242                      | 1,989             |
| August .....    | 23                           | 190       | 344                      | 19      | 163   | 123                       | 52      | 205                      | 1,865             |
| September ..... | 17                           | 206       | 361                      | 86      | 153   | 89                        | 49      | 336                      | 1,631             |
| October .....   | 70                           | 69        | 502                      | 76      | 236   | 58                        | 37      | 179                      | 1,556             |
| November .....  | 12                           | 28        | 521                      | 101     | 94    | 157                       | 57      | 406                      | 1,743             |
| December .....  | ...                          | 29        | 280                      | 95      | 24    | 215                       | 55      | 278                      | 1,325             |
| January .....   | 1                            | 153       | 368                      | ...     | 158   | 101                       | 62      | 143                      | 1,444             |
| February .....  | 15                           | 292       | 513                      | 100     | 222   | 122                       | 39      | 242                      | 1,944             |
| March .....     | 75                           | 227       | 415                      | 99      | 122   | 100                       | 58      | 88                       | 1,500             |
| April .....     | 184                          | 85        | 504                      | ...     | 186   | 87                        | 61      | 258                      | 1,821             |
| May .....       | 86                           | 186       | 622                      | 90      | 178   | 83                        | 45      | 96                       | 1,909             |
| June .....      | 108                          | 214       | 494                      | ...     | 249   | 64                        | 49      | 414                      | 2,158             |

# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE RATE INDEXES: HOBART.

| Period.                                 | Retail Price Indexes—Hobart(a). |   |           |                |                           | Common-wealth(b)<br>Metropolitan<br>Basic<br>Wage(c). | Wage Rate Indexes,<br>Hobart(a).           |                              |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Food and<br>Groceries.          | Rent,<br>Four & Five<br>Roomed<br>Houses. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous. | All Items,<br>"C" Series. |   | Nominal<br>Weekly Wage,<br>Adult<br>Males. | "Real"<br>Weekly<br>Wage(f). |
| 1938-39 .....                           | 1031                            | 992                                       | 1040      | 971            | 1012                      | 77/-(d)   | 987  | 975                          |
| 1939-40 .....                           | 1062                            | 1004                                      | 1084      | 994            | 1038                      | 78/-(d)   | 1005                                       | 968                          |
| 1940-41 .....                           | 1102                            | 1008                                      | 1274      | 1030           | 1100                      | 84/-(d)   | 1049                                       | 954                          |
| 1941-42 .....                           | 1143                            | 1008                                      | 1474      | 1085           | 1166                      | 88/-(d)   | 1124                                       | 964                          |
| 1942-43 .....                           | 1217                            | 1006                                      | 1699      | 1136           | 1248                      | 94/-(d)   | 1212                                       | 971                          |
| 1943-44 .....                           | 1198                            | 1005                                      | 1751      | 1150           | 1254                      | 94/-(d)   | 1290                                       | 1029                         |
| 1944-45 .....                           | 1185                            | 1008                                      | 1738      | 1146           | 1245                      | 93/-(d)   | 1296                                       | 1041                         |
| 1944—                                   |                                 |   |           |                |                           |   |  |                              |
| June Quarter .....                      | 1174                            | 1005                                      | 1736      | 1144           | 1241                      | 94/-  | 1298                                       | 1046                         |
| September Quarter .....                 | 1195                            | 1006                                      | 1752      | 1146           | 1252                      | 93/-  | 1291                                       | 1031                         |
| December Quarter .....                  | 1189                            | 1008                                      | 1741      | 1145           | 1247                      | 94/-  | 1299                                       | 1042                         |
| 1945—                                   |                                 |   |           |                |                           |   |  |                              |
| March Quarter .....                     | 1173                            | 1008                                      | 1741      | 1147           | 1242                      | 94/-  | 1298                                       | 1045                         |
| June Quarter .....                      | 1181                            | 1008                                      | 1718      | 1146           | 1239                      | 93/-  | 1296                                       | 1046                         |
| September Quarter .....                 | 1206                            | 1008                                      | 1714      | 1146           | 1248                      | 94/-(e)   | (g)  | (g)                          |
| Increase per cent from<br>1938-39 ..... | 17.0                            | 1.6                                       | 64.8      | 18.0           | 23.3                      | 22.1  | 31.3                                       | 7.3                          |

(a) Base: Weighted average, six capitals, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) No State basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent.

(c) "Needs" Basic Wage plus "Prosperity Loading" of 4s.

(d) Payable as from 1st May.

(e) Payable as from 1st November.

(f) Index of nominal weekly rates for adult males divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(g) Not available.

## AUSTRALIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES AND RETAIL PRICES INDEX OF FOUR TASMANIAN TOWNS.

| Period.         | Wholesale Prices Indexes of Basic<br>Materials and Foodstuffs(a). |  |             | Retail Prices Index (All Items "C" Series), Four Tasmanian<br>Country Towns(a). |         |            |             |                                     |
|-----------------|---|--|-------------|---|---------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
|                 | Goods<br>Principally<br>Imported(b).                              | Goods<br>Principally<br>Home-<br>Produced. | All Groups. | Launceston.   | Burnie. | Devonport. | Queenstown. | Weighted<br>Average,<br>Four Towns. |
| 1938-39 .....   | 991   | 1020                                       | 1011        | 994   | 982     | 963        | 1006        | 990                                 |
| 1939-40 .....   | 1106  | 1025                                       | 1047        | 1015  | 1005    | 982        | 1030        | 1012                                |
| 1940-41 .....   | 1325  | 1060                                       | 1140        | 1077  | 1071    | 1048       | 1091        | 1075                                |
| 1941-42 .....   | 1525  | 1123                                       | 1242        | 1127  | 1122    | 1100       | 1136        | 1124                                |
| 1942-43 .....   | 1760  | 1212                                       | 1373        | 1210  | 1208    | 1176       | 1218        | 1202                                |
| 1943-44 .....   | 1824  | 1217                                       | 1396        | 1210  | 1217    | 1183       | 1236        | 1210                                |
| 1944-45 .....   | 1819  | 1231                                       | 1403        | 1204  | 1194    | 1174       | 1248        | 1203                                |
| 1944-45—        |   |  |             |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| October .....   | 1821  | 1221                                       | 1397        | 1203  | 1194    | 1175       | 1250        | 1203                                |
| November .....  | 1831  | 1217                                       | 1398        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| December .....  | 1834  | 1216                                       | 1398        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| January .....   | 1822  | 1217                                       | 1396        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| February .....  | 1830  | 1225                                       | 1404        | 1200  | 1188    | 1170       | 1245        | 1199                                |
| March .....     | 1824  | 1235                                       | 1408        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| April .....     | 1835  | 1245                                       | 1419        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| May .....       | 1795  | 1249                                       | 1410        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| June .....      | 1790  | 1261                                       | 1417        | 1203  | 1190    | 1171       | 1247        | 1202                                |
| 1945-46—        |   |  |             |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| July .....      | 1793  | 1262                                       | 1418        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| August .....    | 1797  | 1262                                       | 1419        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| September ..... | 1791  | 1259                                       | 1416        | 1210  | 1201    | 1179       | 1254        | 1209                                |
| October .....   | 1802  | 1250                                       | 1413        |   |         |            |             |                                     |
| November .....  | 1779  | 1248                                       | 1405        |   |         |            |             |                                     |

(a) Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.



# BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

| Period.                | Private Buildings. |         |  |         | Government Buildings,<br>Including Alterations and<br>Additions. |         | Total. |         |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|--------|---------|
|                        | New Dwellings.     |         | Other, Including Altera-<br>tions and Additions. |         | No.  | Value.  | No.    | Value.  |
|                        | No.                | Value.  | No.  | Value.  |  |         |        |         |
|                        |                    | £       |  | £       |  | £       |        | £       |
| <b>HOBART.</b>         |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| <b>ANNUAL TOTALS.</b>  |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| 1938-39 .....          | 208                | 209,753 | 274  | 175,981 | 9  | 146,279 | 491    | 532,013 |
| 1939-40 .....          | 203                | 201,029 | 191  | 210,223 | 11   | 35,088  | 405    | 446,340 |
| 1940-41 .....          | 230                | 238,824 | 197  | 94,610  | 5  | 16,863  | 432    | 350,297 |
| 1941-42 .....          | 143                | 168,138 | 119  | 76,822  | 7  | 24,888  | 269    | 269,848 |
| 1942-43 .....          | 11                 | 6,071   | 90   | 21,274  | 9  | 31,917  | 110    | 59,262  |
| 1943-44 .....          | 14                 | 7,499   | 138  | 46,566  | 5  | 3,467   | 157    | 57,532  |
| 1944-45 .....          | 31                 | 29,028  | 213  | 55,259  | 12   | 74,211  | 256    | 158,498 |
| <b>MONTHLY TOTALS.</b> |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| 1944-45—               |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| May .....              | 4                  | 4,625   | 21   | 2,647   | 1  | 11,180  | 26     | 18,452  |
| June .....             | 4                  | 1,570   | 15   | 1,398   | ....   | ....    | 19     | 2,968   |
| 1945-46—               |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| July .....             | 5                  | 5,654   | 13   | 8,443   | 1  | 154     | 19     | 14,251  |
| August .....           | 12                 | 13,642  | 20   | 4,826   | ....   | ....    | 32     | 18,468  |
| September .....        | 16                 | 16,215  | 25   | 5,932   | ....   | ....    | 41     | 22,147  |
| October .....          | 12                 | 13,752  | 23   | 10,229  | ....   | ....    | 35     | 23,981  |
| November .....         | 12                 | 13,723  | 22   | 23,810  | 1  | 2,900   | 35     | 40,433  |
| <b>LAUNCESTON.</b>     |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| <b>ANNUAL TOTALS.</b>  |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| 1938-39 .....          | 174                | 128,751 | 295  | 65,357  | 1  | 2,148   | 470    | 196,256 |
| 1939-40 .....          | 203                | 148,959 | 296  | 91,990  | 9  | 111,831 | 508    | 352,780 |
| 1940-41 .....          | 143                | 106,436 | 258  | 56,330  | 3  | 5,373   | 404    | 168,139 |
| 1941-42 .....          | 109                | 87,459  | 180  | 37,910  | 5  | 6,145   | 294    | 131,514 |
| 1942-43 .....          | 25                 | 13,925  | 152  | 37,815  | 4  | 6,888   | 181    | 58,628  |
| 1943-44 .....          | 21                 | 10,250  | 233  | 22,867  | 5  | 3,670   | 259    | 36,787  |
| 1944-45 .....          | 52                 | 36,169  | 232  | 26,574  | 11   | 26,208  | 295    | 88,951  |
| <b>MONTHLY TOTALS.</b> |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| 1944-45—               |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| May .....              | 4                  | 4,009   | 28   | 3,941   | 4  | 9,918   | 36     | 17,868  |
| June .....             | ....               | ....    | 17   | 5,548   | ....   | ....    | 17     | 5,548   |
| 1945-46—               |                    |         |  |         |  |         |        |         |
| July .....             | 7                  | 5,257   | 18   | 1,974   | ....   | ....    | 25     | 7,231   |
| August .....           | 7                  | 6,247   | 30   | 1,823   | 1  | 500     | 38     | 8,575   |
| September .....        | 18                 | 18,421  | 22   | 1,661   | 1  | 8,000   | 41     | 28,082  |
| October .....          | 13                 | 12,843  | 32   | 2,744   | ....   | ....    | 45     | 15,587  |
| November .....         | 9                  | 9,533   | 30   | 3,398   | 1  | 3,420   | 40     | 16,351  |

NOTE.—Since December, 1940, various controls have been placed over construction of new buildings and additions and alterations to buildings. Until the cessation of hostilities with Japan a permit from the Department of War Organisation of Industry was required for new buildings or alterations in excess of £25. Since 31st August, 1945, construction of new dwellings up to £1200 and housing repairs to £150 in any financial year can be effected without a permit from the Department of Works and Housing.

The permits shown above relate to building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under Government Building Control Regulations.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The progress of the Government Housing Programme in Tasmania is illustrated by the following figures supplied by the Agricultural Bank, which is administering the scheme:—

| Date.                     | Number of Houses Completed or in Course of Construction (a). |                          |         |            |           |           | Quota (a)<br>for<br>Tasmania. | Percentage<br>of Quota<br>Completed or<br>Commenced. |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
|                           | Hobart &<br>Suburbs.   | Launceston<br>& Suburbs. | Burnie. | Devonport. | Somerset. | Tasmania. |                               |  |
| At 30th June, 1945 .....  | 114  | 18                       | ....    | 10         | 6         | 148       | 280                           | 52.9   |
| At 30th Sept., 1945 ..... | 193  | 48                       | 15      | 29         | 6         | 291       | 350                           | 83.1   |
| At 31st Dec., 1945 .....  | 246  | 78                       | 25      | 29         | 6         | 384       | 435                           | 88.3   |

(a) Since 1st April, 1944, from when first quota dated.

# MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

| Period.              | Paper Pulp (a). | Electricity for all Purposes except Traction. | Dairy Factory Production. |          | Metals. |       |             |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------|
|                      |                 |   | Butter.                   | Cheese.  | Copper. | Zinc. | Gold.       |
|                      | Tons.           | '000 K.W.H.                                   | Tons.                     | Tons.    | Tons.   | (b)   | Fine Ozs.   |
| MONTHLY AVERAGES.    |                 |   |                           |          |         |       |             |
| 1938-39 .....        | 332             | 47,026  | 338.8                     | 118.3    | 1,056   | 999   | 1,747       |
| 1939-40 .....        | 1,183           | 51,237  | 346.3                     | 116.2    | 1,108   | 1,042 | 1,605       |
| 1940-41 .....        | 1,705           | 54,615  | 302.7                     | 106.7    | 979     | 1,079 | 1,650       |
| 1941-42 .....        | 3,268           | 60,235  | 299.8                     | 114.2    | 952     | 1,083 | 1,591       |
| 1942-43 .....        | 3,062           | 63,102  | 282.4                     | 83.3     | 954     | 1,102 | 1,521       |
| 1943-44 .....        | 3,089           | 65,913  | 272.5                     | 87.6     | 923     | 1,153 | 1,394       |
| 1944-45 .....        | 2,921           | 65,794  | (f) 303.6                 | (f) 93.5 | 702     | 1,135 | 1,199       |
| MONTHLY TOTALS.      |                 |   |                           |          |         |       |             |
| 1944-45—August ..... | 3,172           | 72,539  | 98.2                      | 33.8     | 576     | 1,216 | } (c) 1,519 |
| September .....      | 2,667           | 68,773  | 222.8                     | 59.7     | 725     | 1,217 |             |
| October .....        | 2,957           | 64,309  | 468.4                     | 118.5    | 1,114   | 1,187 | } (d) 1,182 |
| November .....       | 2,955           | 52,476  | 578.8                     | 155.1    | 771     | 437   |             |
| 1945-46—August ..... | 3,075           | 73,834  | 102.9                     | 31.3     | 561     | 1,225 | } (c) 1,190 |
| September .....      | 3,246           | 71,356  | 231.0                     | 58.3     | 620     | 1,222 |             |
| October .....        | 3,428           | 71,084  | 477.3                     | 111.2    | 671     | 1,236 | } (e)       |
| November .....       | 3,212           | 60,180  | 598.6                     | 153.5    | 640     | 1,029 |             |

(a) Ground wood pulp and chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.

(b) Index of production; average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(c) Monthly average for September quarter.

(d) Monthly average for December quarter.

(e) Not available.

(f) Subject to revision.

## TASMANIAN STATE RAILWAYS; MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

| Period.            | State Railways. |                                     |                  |                     |                              | Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period (c). |                          |               | New Motor-Vehicles Registered During Period (c). |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|
|                    | Gross Revenue.  | Working Costs (excluding Interest). | Train Miles Run. | Passenger Journeys. | Goods and Livestock Carried. | Motor-Cars.                                      | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor-Cycles. |  |
|                    | £               | £                                   | Daily Average.   | Daily Average.      | Tons.                        | No.  | No.                      | No.           | No.  |
| 1938-39 .....      | (a) 37,456      | (a) 52,130                          | 5,223            | 6,292               | (a) 64,885                   | 17,668   | 5,036                    | 3,656         | 3,060  |
| 1939-40 .....      | 41,239          | 52,878                              | 5,640            | 6,591               | 67,631                       | 17,598   | 5,235                    | 3,351         | 2,116  |
| 1940-41 .....      | 46,162          | 58,544                              | 5,938            | 7,650               | 73,502                       | 17,337   | 5,458                    | 3,179         | 1,002  |
| 1941-42 .....      | 52,773          | 65,709                              | 5,963            | 8,618               | 78,735                       | 14,183   | 5,367                    | 2,240         | 293  |
| 1942-43 .....      | 64,820          | 74,188                              | 6,075            | 9,106               | 75,506                       | 15,834   | 5,503                    | 2,450         | 164  |
| 1943-44 .....      | 67,006          | 87,415                              | 5,971            | 8,554               | 75,217                       | 16,715   | 6,236                    | 2,579         | 551  |
| 1944-45 .....      | 69,236          | 77,423                              | 6,031            | 8,933               | 71,079                       | 17,043   | 6,862                    | 2,814         | 331  |
| 1944-45—July ..... | (b) 56,690      | (b) 71,308                          | 5,641            | 8,062               | (b) 63,668                   | 16,584   | 6,217                    | 2,539         | 35   |
| Aug. ....          | 64,464          | 75,865                              | 6,005            | 7,622               | 75,961                       | 16,843   | 6,346                    | 2,586         | 44   |
| Sept. ....         | 67,322          | 71,304                              | 5,977            | 7,598               | 77,469                       | 16,779   | 6,352                    | 2,590         | 44   |
| Oct. ....          | 66,587          | 75,824                              | 5,898            | 10,696              | 77,512                       | 16,889   | 6,417                    | 2,608         | 30   |
| Nov. ....          | 63,420          | 67,522                              | 5,923            | 7,312               | 70,816                       | 17,153   | 6,558                    | 2,623         | 22   |
| 1945-46—July ..... | 62,839          | 78,626                              | 6,125            | 8,550               | 71,570                       | 17,181   | 7,002                    | 2,899         | 25   |
| Aug. ....          | 68,502          | 82,650                              | 6,223            | 7,463               | 69,963                       | 17,073   | 6,983                    | 2,904         | 30   |
| Sept. ....         | 69,819          | 82,864                              | 6,093            | 11,197              | 72,973                       | 17,083   | 7,040                    | 2,925         | 17   |
| Oct. ....          | 75,353          | 82,932                              | 6,283            | 8,988               | 72,281                       | 17,213   | 7,147                    | 2,954         | 29   |
| Nov. ....          | 73,646          | 84,322                              | 6,224            | 8,179               | 71,906                       | 17,229   | 7,184                    | 2,999         | (d) 31   |

(a) Four-weekly averages.

(b) Four-weekly periods.

(c) Excluding Defence Service vehicles.

(d) Motor-cars 1; commercial vehicles 30.



# CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.

| Period.           | Consolidated Revenue. |              | Trading Banks.<br>(Including Commonwealth Bank.) |               | Bank Clearings—<br>Weekly Averages (c). |             | Savings Banks<br>Deposits (d).                |   | War Savings<br>Certificates—<br>Net Amounts<br>Subscribed.<br>(e) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|---------------|---|-------------|---|---|---|
|                   | Receipts.             | Expenditure. | Deposits (b).                                    | Advances (b). | Hobart.                                 | Launceston. | Hobart and<br>Launceston<br>Savings<br>Banks. | Total<br>(including<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Savings<br>Bank). |   |
|                   | £'000.                | £'000.       | £'000.   | £'000.        | £'000.                                  | £'000.      | £'000.  | £'000.  | £   |
| 1938-39 .....     | 3,615                 | 3,641        | 10,045   | 4,648         | 623                                     | 258         | 6,038   | 8,396   | ....  |
| 1939-40 .....     | 3,055                 | 3,053        | 10,068   | 4,872         | 697                                     | 289         | 6,220   | 8,518   | 92,602  |
| 1940-41 .....     | 2,922                 | 3,103        | 10,281   | 4,612         | 672                                     | 301         | 6,518   | 8,941   | 469,131   |
| 1941-42 .....     | 3,359                 | 3,357        | (f) 11,180                                       | 4,052         | 731                                     | 368         | 6,767   | 9,472   | 744,146   |
| 1942-43 .....     | 3,290                 | 3,400        | 13,528   | 3,644         | 813                                     | 373         | 7,632   | 11,174  | 971,531   |
| 1943-44 .....     | 3,499                 | 3,469        | 16,221   | 3,570         | 943                                     | 424         | 9,399   | 14,213  | 1,111,922   |
| 1944-45 .....     | 3,656                 | 3,675        | 18,412   | 3,456         | 1,032                                   | 462         | 10,907  | 16,914  | 1,254,804   |
| 1944-45—Aug. .... | 218                   | 222          | (g) 16,418                                       | 3,641         | 981                                     | 432         | 9,822   | 14,878  | 1,134,399   |
| Sept. ....        | 317                   | 297          |  |               | 1,021                                   | 451         | 9,948   | 15,106  | 1,146,654   |
| Oct. ....         | 233                   | 315          | (h) 17,015                                       | (h) 3,562     | 1,093                                   | 461         | 9,991   | 15,199  | 1,160,143   |
| Nov. ....         | 273                   | 447          |  |               | 908                                     | 389         | 10,088  | 15,357  | 1,179,150   |
| 1945-46—Aug. .... | 225                   | 258          | (i) 16,011                                       | (i) 3,416     | 1,004                                   | 431         | 11,350  | 17,617  | 1,269,721   |
| Sept. ....        | 319                   | 275          |  |               | 1,110                                   | 466         | 11,475  | 17,871  | 1,273,427   |
| Oct. ....         | 281                   | 331          | 16,198   | 3,480         | 1,187                                   | 536         | 11,529  | 18,027  | 1,273,817   |
| Nov. ....         | (a) 264               | (a) 289      | 16,618   | 3,499         | 1,211                                   | 481         | 11,739  | 18,476  | 1,277,807   |

(a) Deficit for five months ended November, 1945, £1410, compared with a deficit of £221,695 for the corresponding period in 1944-45. The estimated Budget deficit for 1945-46 is £442,495.

(b) Average for quarter or month.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) At end of period.

(e) Net amounts subscribed at end of each period.

(f) June quarter.

(g) September quarter.

(h) December quarter.

(i) Monthly figures available as from September, 1945.

## INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period.             | Commonwealth Government Securities.  |                           | Mortgage Rate on Hobart Savings Bank Advances. | Treasury Bills. | Hobart Savings Bank Deposits. | Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits. |           |            |            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|------------|------------|
|                     | Taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. |                           |  |                 |                               | 3 Months.                                  | 6 Months. | 12 Months. | 24 Months. |
|                     | Short Dated, 2 Years. (a)            | Long Dated, 12 Years. (a) |  |                 |                               |  |           |            |            |
|                     | %                                    | %                         | %  | %               | %                             | %  | %         | %          | %          |
| 1938-39 . . . . .   | ....                                 | ....                      | 4.25   | 1.75            | 3.00                          | 2.00                                       | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       |
| 1939-40 . . . . .   | ....                                 | ....                      | 4.25   | 1.71            | 3.00                          | 1.90                                       | 2.40      | 2.60       | 2.90       |
| 1940-41 . . . . .   | ....                                 | ....                      | 4.25   | 1.50            | 2.75                          | 1.50                                       | 2.00      | 2.25       | 2.50       |
| 1941-42 . . . . .   | 2.40                                 | 3.24                      | 4.25   | 1.50            | 2.25                          | 1.43                                       | 1.73      | 1.98       | 2.23       |
| 1942-43 . . . . .   | 2.48                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.50            | 2.25                          | 1.25                                       | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       |
| 1943-44 . . . . .   | 2.45                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.34            | 2.25                          | 1.13                                       | 1.39      | 1.64       | 2.00       |
| 1944-45 . . . . .   | 2.47                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.17            | 2.25                          | 0.55                                       | 0.80      | 1.28       | 1.78       |
| 1944-45—            |                                      |                           |  |                 |                               |  |           |            |            |
| November . . . . .  | 2.48                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.25            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| December . . . . .  | 2.49                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.25            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| January . . . . .   | 2.48                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.25            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| February . . . . .  | 2.46                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.25            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| March . . . . .     | 2.48                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| April . . . . .     | 2.49                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| May . . . . .       | 2.49                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| June . . . . .      | 2.49                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| 1945-46—            |                                      |                           |  |                 |                               |  |           |            |            |
| July . . . . .      | 2.49                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| August . . . . .    | 2.49                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| September . . . . . | 2.48                                 | 3.25                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| October . . . . .   | 2.48                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |
| November . . . . .  | 2.48                                 | 3.24                      | 4.00   | 1.00            | 2.25                          | 0.50                                       | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       |

(a) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0.5 years and 10 or more years respectively.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA. (Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

| Month.                        | Total Consideration of Property Sales. |            |            | Amount of Mortgages. |            |            |             |            |            |
|-------------------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
|                               |  |            |            | Registered.          |            |            | Discharged. |            |            |
|                               | 1939.                                  | 1944.      | 1945.      | 1939.                | 1944.      | 1945.      | 1939.       | 1944.      | 1945.      |
|                               | £                                      | £          | £          | £                    | £          | £          | £           | £          | £          |
| January .....                 | 82,234                                 | 153,685    | 156,398    | 157,620              | 105,397    | 66,101     | 44,457      | 72,134     | 112,084    |
| February .....                | 143,738                                | 168,264    | 184,818    | 126,995              | 179,025    | 61,920     | 64,095      | 125,572    | 103,890    |
| March .....                   | 283,934                                | 204,535    | 210,548    | 196,745              | 56,877     | 79,709     | 110,246     | 123,037    | 108,988    |
| April .....                   | 160,717                                | 154,746    | 151,108    | 108,259              | 64,685     | 59,920     | 72,178      | 86,638     | 66,468     |
| May .....                     | 311,231                                | 173,860    | 223,477    | 201,036              | 69,069     | 96,197     | 175,359     | 124,415    | 141,306    |
| June .....                    | 231,155                                | 168,913    | 204,364    | 151,425              | 79,909     | 99,059     | 104,180     | 81,428     | 128,386    |
| July .....                    | 190,696                                | 202,074    | 260,588    | 195,509              | 135,072    | 150,725    | 116,691     | 135,873    | 122,588    |
| August .....                  | 298,731                                | 213,368    | 220,030    | 213,837              | 73,578     | 127,882    | 126,336     | 101,749    | 141,524    |
| September .....               | 271,609                                | 188,278    | 219,297    | 162,223              | 93,318     | 97,531     | 136,906     | 73,354     | 111,855    |
| October .....                 | 198,112                                | 121,531    | 269,082    | 174,826              | 54,716     | 139,656    | 77,829      | 109,363    | 119,656    |
| November .....                | 172,051                                | 197,843    | 254,187    | 139,186              | 67,740     | 125,912    | 89,105      | 97,594     | 110,236    |
| December .....                | 125,567                                | 151,134    | ....       | 98,026               | 58,282     | ....       | 42,003      | 99,356     | ....       |
| Year .....                    | £2,469,775                             | £2,098,231 | ....       | £1,925,687           | £1,037,668 | ....       | £1,159,385  | £1,230,513 | ....       |
| Eleven months ended Nov. .... | £2,344,208                             | £1,947,097 | £2,353,897 | £1,827,661           | £979,386   | £1,104,612 | £1,117,382  | £1,131,157 | £1,266,981 |

## POST-OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

| Period.           | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a). | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force at end of Period. | Telephone Services Connected at End of Period. |              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
|                   |                                      |  | Lines.   | Instruments. |
|                   | £                                    | No.  | No.  | No.          |
| Monthly Averages. |                                      |  |  |              |
| 1938-39 .....     | 39,053                               | 39,392   | 14,144   | 18,013       |
| 1939-40 .....     | 40,225                               | 42,182   | 14,695   | 18,882       |
| 1940-41 .....     | 40,619                               | 44,716   | 15,190   | 19,565       |
| 1941-42 .....     | 46,231                               | 46,404   | 15,443   | 20,171       |
| 1942-43 .....     | 50,697                               | (b) 49,910   | 15,702   | 20,690       |
| 1943-44 .....     | 55,350                               | 50,356   | 16,106   | 21,204       |
| 1944-45 .....     | 58,582                               | 50,557   | 16,926   | 22,135       |
| Monthly Totals.   |                                      |  |  |              |
| 1944-45—          |                                      |  |  |              |
| November .....    | 54,569                               | 50,260   | 16,336   | 21,437       |
| December .....    | 55,863                               | 50,058   | 16,387   | 21,498       |
| January .....     | 63,412                               | 50,319   | 16,481   | 21,599       |
| February .....    | 62,962                               | 50,263   | 16,587   | 21,713       |
| March .....       | 56,311                               | 50,163   | 16,635   | 21,766       |
| April .....       | 57,709                               | 50,831   | 16,762   | 21,914       |
| May .....         | 60,490                               | 50,706   | 16,834   | 22,002       |
| June .....        | 58,396                               | 50,557   | 16,926   | 22,135       |
| 1945-46—          |                                      |  |  |              |
| July .....        | 62,050                               | 50,813   | 16,993   | 22,233       |
| August .....      | 61,459                               | 50,668   | 17,134   | 22,419       |
| September .....   | 57,827                               | 50,259   | 17,190   | 22,488       |
| October .....     | 69,697                               | 50,505   | 17,286   | 22,628       |
| November .....    | 54,822                               | 50,803   | 17,334   | 22,695       |

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Since July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one are included.



# RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index showing Ratio of Actual to Normal(a) Rainfall for each Month.

| Month.          | Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming. |          | Grazing (mainly Sheep). |           | Orcharding and Mixed Farming. |             | Dairy Farming. | Mining.     |
|-----------------|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|                 | Northern.                                 | King Is. | Central Plateau.        | Midlands. | Derwent Valley.               | South-East. | East Coast.    | West Coast. |
| 1944—           |   |          |                         |           |                               |             |                |             |
| June .....      | 42  | 60       | 111                     | 43        | 146                           | 81          | 15             | 135         |
| July .....      | 134                                       | 108      | 150                     | 205       | 89                            | 61          | 155            | 110         |
| August .....    | 41  | 35       | 50                      | 40        | 56                            | 55          | 59             | 67          |
| September ..... | 74  | 63       | 91                      | 83        | 102                           | 124         | 85             | 123         |
| October .....   | 94  | 130      | 115                     | 100       | 133                           | 137         | 82             | 87          |
| November .....  | 92  | 129      | 90                      | 57        | 100                           | 81          | 122            | 138         |
| December .....  | 164                                       | 160      | 141                     | 132       | 59                            | 123         | 101            | 130         |
| 1945—           |   |          |                         |           |                               |             |                |             |
| January .....   | 128                                       | 65       | 125                     | 160       | 145                           | 149         | 192            | 91          |
| February .....  | 251                                       | 146      | 118                     | 158       | 96                            | 89          | 266            | 164         |
| March .....     | 34  | 70       | 88                      | 41        | 86                            | 61          | 51             | 223         |
| April .....     | 22  | 32       | 12                      | 23        | 15                            | 24          | 27             | 51          |
| May .....       | 52  | 67       | 57                      | 44        | 48                            | 33          | 42             | 58          |
| June .....      | 125                                       | 110      | 68                      | 62        | 61                            | 45          | 70             | 99          |
| July .....      | 77  | 90       | 70                      | 49        | 44                            | 58          | 33             | 100         |
| August .....    | 167                                       | 146      | 148                     | 143       | 160                           | 160         | 153            | 152         |
| September ..... | 83  | 74       | 83                      | 34        | 61                            | 111         | 55             | 129         |
| October .....   | 58  | 178      | 67                      | 36        | 68                            | 61          | 46             | 135         |
| November .....  | 69  | 155      | 87                      | 35        | 65                            | 61          | 67             | 91          |

(a) Normal rainfall for each month (represented by 100) is the average since records were first taken (i.e., since about 1905 for all districts).

## SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

During November dry conditions continued in all districts except King Island, causing a serious deterioration of crops, pastures, and stock. In addition, a freak hailstorm on 18th November resulted in considerable damage to young fruit in parts of the Huon. The general prospects for crops and stock are very unfavourable and it is considered that even good late rains will not retrieve the position to any extent.

In the *North and North-West* some crops are in fair to good condition in the central areas, but elsewhere peas and barley need rain. Hay cuts have been light. Stock are in good condition with pastures providing good feed except in the east. The dry windy month was unfavourable to agriculture. In the *East Coast* fruit crops are heavy in the southern section, but require rain, while other crops are backward. Stock are very poor, with some dying. Many pastures are bare and grass grubs are proving troublesome. In the *Midland* division crops are generally poor, some ripening earlier than usual. Sheep are in fair condition, cattle poor. Pastures are short and drying out in places, with drought conditions prevailing in many parts. In the *South-East* crops are very backward, and heavy hail caused severe damage to many fruit crops. Stock are in low condition, while pastures are short and dry. The *Derwent Valley* experience is very similar to that in the South-East. Some crops are dying through lack of rain, while hail damage resulted to orchards. General prospects are very unfavourable.

## REHABILITATION—TASMANIA.

| Period.           | Placement in Industry of Discharged Males. |              |                 |                  |                            |                              |                       |                   |                              |
|-------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
|                   | Dairying.                                  | Other Rural. | Food Factories. | Other Factories. | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Commerce and Finance. | Other Industries. | Industry not Applicable. (a) |
| 1945—             |  |              |                 |                  |                            |                              |                       |                   |                              |
| June .....        | 6  | 28           | 4               | 29               | 15                         | 21                           | 30                    | 17                | 60                           |
| July .....        | 4  | 23           | 4               | 40               | 36                         | 23                           | 42                    | 25                | 40                           |
| August .....      | 6  | 28           | 10              | 64               | 48                         | 27                           | 54                    | 59                | 51                           |
| September .....   | 3  | 59           | 17              | 82               | 84                         | 57                           | 88                    | 64                | 137                          |
| October .....     | 7  | 108          | 32              | 247              | 169                        | 105                          | 143                   | 137               | 208                          |
| June to Oct. .... | 26   | 246          | 67              | 462              | 352                        | 233                          | 357                   | 302               | 496                          |

(a) Mainly entering full-time industrial training or deferring immediate placement at own request.

NOTE.—The following females also were discharged—June, 16; July, 24; August, 28; September, 47; October, 65.

## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—TASMANIA.

| Heading.                                | 1939.   | 1941.   | 1942.   | 1943.   | 1944.   |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| No. of societies .....                  | 19      | 19      | 20      | 20      | 20      |
| No. of branches .....                   | 187     | 180     | 178     | 175     | 174     |
| No. of benefit members .....            | 24,626  | 24,722  | 25,085  | 24,716  | 24,362  |
| Revenue for year—                       | £       | £       | £       | £       | £       |
| Members' contributions and levies ..... | 88,391  | 87,097  | 92,585  | 88,066  | 89,790  |
| Entrance fees .....                     | 178     | 201     | 236     | 158     | 151     |
| Interest, dividends, &c. ....           | 21,616  | 23,559  | 23,568  | 23,658  | 23,430  |
| All other income .....                  | 14,292  | 12,054  | 16,465  | 11,545  | 4,642   |
| Total .....                             | 124,477 | 122,911 | 132,854 | 123,427 | 118,013 |
| Expenditure for year—                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Medical attendance and medicine .....   | 31,335  | 32,735  | 34,288  | 33,230  | 34,710  |
| Sick pay .....                          | 29,641  | 25,780  | 25,554  | 25,372  | 26,094  |
| Funeral donations .....                 | 22,402  | 23,160  | 22,367  | 22,658  | 24,098  |
| Administration .....                    | 18,346  | 21,203  | 21,464  | 19,194  | 19,271  |
| Other (benefits, &c.) .....             | 8,575   | 11,672  | 7,985   | 9,390   | 8,550   |
| Total .....                             | 110,299 | 114,550 | 111,658 | 109,844 | 112,723 |
| Funds at end of year—                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Invested .....                          | 488,167 | 504,782 | 521,277 | 533,974 | 538,119 |
| Uninvested .....                        | 12,293  | 10,608  | 15,352  | 15,740  | 19,283  |
| Total .....                             | 500,460 | 515,390 | 536,629 | 549,714 | 557,402 |

## SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

During November dry conditions continued in all districts except King Island, causing a serious deterioration of crops and stock. In addition a fresh hailstorm on 12th November resulted in considerable damage to some fruit in parts of the State. The general prospects for crops and stock are very unfavourable and it is considered that crop and stock values will not relieve the position to any extent.

In the North-West some crops are in fair to good condition in the central areas, but elsewhere poor and barley needs rain. Hay crops have been better. Stock are in good condition with pastures providing good food except in the south. The dry winter months was unfavourable to agriculture. In the East Coast fruit crops are heavy in the southern section, but require rain, while other crops are backward. Stock are very poor with some heavy. Many pastures are bare and grass yields are poorer than elsewhere. In the Midland division crops are poorer and some livestock require extra feed. Sheep are in fair condition, cattle poor. Pastures are short and dry and some livestock require extra feed. In the South-West crops are very poor. In the South-East crops are in low condition, while pastures are short and dry. The Government's policy experience is very similar to that in the South-East. Some crops are dying through lack of rain, while hail damage resulted in considerable loss.

## REHABILITATION—TASMANIA.

Statement in pounds of the following:

| Total      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      | Other      |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Discharged | Applicable | Discharged | Applicable | Discharged | Applicable | Discharged | Applicable | Discharged | Applicable |
| 310        | 60         | 17         | 38         | 31         | 15         | 39         | 10         | 33         | 1          |
| 237        | 40         | 35         | 43         | 33         | 38         | 40         | 33         | 33         | 1          |
| 247        | 51         | 39         | 54         | 33         | 38         | 43         | 33         | 33         | 1          |
| 291        | 137        | 44         | 58         | 37         | 41         | 43         | 33         | 33         | 1          |
| 1,159      | 208        | 137        | 143        | 103        | 139        | 147        | 33         | 108        | 7          |
| 1,141      | 408        | 302        | 387        | 333        | 333        | 33         | 316        | 33         | 33         |

(a) Males entering full-time industrial training or deferred immediate placement at own request.

Note—The following figures were discharged—June, 1931; July, 34; August, 28; September, 47; October, 65.